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1. JAPANESE PETROLEUM TRADING CO., A SUBSIDIARY OF ARABIAN OIL CO., OBTAINED MINERAL CONCESSION IN AGADEZ DEPT IN JULY, 1975. JPTC IS COMMITTED TO SPEND 10.4 MILLION DOLLARS BY TERMS OF CONCESSION OVER FOUR-YEAR PERIOD.

2. THE L-SHAPED CONCESSION STRETCHES NORTH AND EAST OF IN GALL AND MESAURES 12,280 SQUARE KILOMETERS. ALTHOUGH PERMIT IS OF GENERAL NATURE COVERING ALL LIKELY MINERAL DISCOVERIES, CLOSE PROXIMITY (100 KM) TO MAJOR URANIUM FINDS AT ARLIT, AKOUTA AND IMOURAREN LEAVE LITTLE DOUBT
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BUT THAT JPTC IS AFTER URANIUM.

3. ON RECENT VISIT OF JAPANESE FIRST SECRETARY
RESIDENT IN ABIDJAN, WE WERE GIVEN ARTICLE FROM
JAPANESE NEWSPAPER "ASAHI EVENING" DATED
NOVEMBE 11, 1975 REPORTING JPTC HAD BEGUN
PROSPECTING FOR URANIUM ON CONCESSION. GON MINISTRY
OF MINES, HOWEVER, IS NOT ABLE TO CONFIRM THAT
EXPLORATION HAS BEGUN. HECK

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